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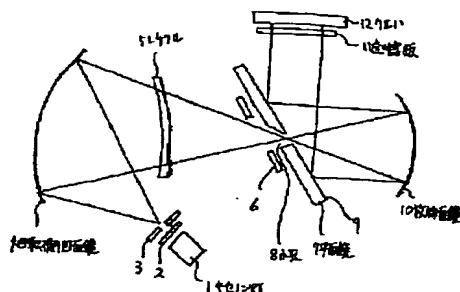
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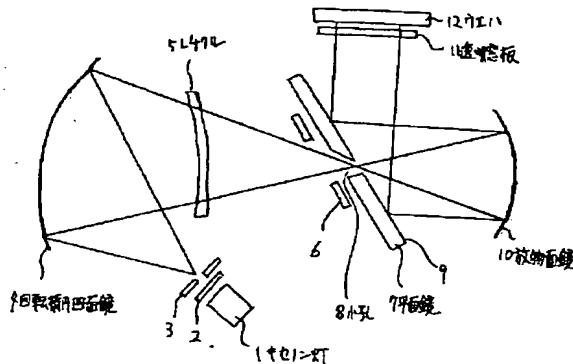
(54)【発明の名称】光によるLSI製造縮小投影露光装置の光学系

(57)【要約】

〔目的〕短波長紫外線を光源とした、焦点深度が深く露光面積が広くかつ開口数の大きい、ミラータイプのステッパーを得る。

〔構成〕回転橒円凹面鏡の一方と焦点に光源を、もう一方の焦点に平面鏡7の小孔8を設置し、かつその小孔8は放物面鏡10の焦点にもなっている。

〔効果〕高コヒーレント光を光源とすることにより、焦点深度を深くし種々の収差を除き実効開口数を向上した。又レチクル像をウエハ上の像より大きくとることと、照射光の波長域幅を広くとることにより高コヒーレント光使用による像の劣化を防いでいる。この時光学系間を透明な液体で満たすと解像力が向上する。



【特許請求の範囲】

〔請求項1〕 レチクルの前方の一点に集中する照射機構を有し、その光の集中する一点に平面鏡の有する小孔を一致して平面鏡を設置し、その平面鏡の鏡面の対面に凹面鏡を設置したことを特徴とするLSI製造縮小投影露光装置の光学系。

〔請求項2〕 光学系の間の空間を透明な液体で満たし、その透明な液体を循環さしている構造の請求項1記載のLSI製造縮小投影露光装置。

【発明の詳細な説明】

〔0001〕〔産業上の利用分野〕本発明は、ミラータイプの光によるLSI製造縮小投影露光装置(ステッバ)の光学系に関する。

〔0002〕〔従来の技術〕従来ミラータイプの等倍一括投影露光装置、レンズタイプのステッバがある。

〔0003〕〔発明が解決しようとする課題〕従来のミラータイプの等倍一括投影露光装置の光学系では、等倍率の線状の像しか得られていないので、マスク像の精密位置合わせが難しく、塵埃による影響が大きく、全欠陥を修正することが困難である等の問題があった。

〔0004〕従来のレンズタイプのステッバでは、短波長紫外線でレンズに使用可能な透明物質の少なさ、透明度の低さ、又レンズの耐久性の問題があった。

〔0005〕本発明は、短波長紫外線を使用することのできるミラータイプの光学系を有し高解像度、広い露光面積で深い焦点深度を有するステッバを提供することを目的としている。

〔0006〕〔課題を解決するための手段〕上記目的を達成するために、本発明ステッバの光学系においては、比較的広い波長域の高コヒーレント光を光源とし、集光凹面鏡にてレチクルの前方の一点に集中させ

〔0007〕その光の集中す一点に平面鏡の有する小孔を一致して平面鏡を設置し、

〔0008〕その平面鏡の鏡面の対面に凹面鏡を設置し、その凹面鏡の焦点と平面鏡の小孔とが一致する様にする。

〔0009〕光源からの光がレチクルを照射し、平面鏡の小孔を通過し凹面鏡ではほぼ平行光線となり、同じ平面鏡で反射して進行する平行光線に垂直な極めて薄い透明窓板を設置し、

〔0010〕その透明窓板に極めて近接して、ウェハを設置しそのウェハ上にレチクル像を縮小結像する。

〔0011〕そしてレチクルは、像面弯曲を補正する曲面を作製している。

〔0012〕光学系の間の空間を透明な液体で満たし、その透明な液体を循環さすことが後記する理由により効果的である。

〔0013〕〔作用〕レチクルを透過した光も高コヒーレントであり、波長λ、集光凹面鏡の口径D、焦点距離をfとすると、 $\gamma = 1 - 22\lambda f / D$ の半径内に全光量

の84.6%がレチクルの前方にある平面鏡の小孔に集中する。その周囲はレチクルの回折像を呈する。

〔0014〕本発明ではレチクル、透明窓板は合成石英で出来ているので、表面を滑らかに研磨でき、高コヒーレント光使用による表面の影響が小さい。

〔0015〕本発明では、透明窓でもって外界と隔離されているので、空気の対流が少なく又塵埃の侵入を防いでいる。本発明全体を真空に近づけると、空気の対流や塵埃の影響が小さくなる。

10 〔0016〕反対にミラー光学系の間の空間を透明な液体で満たし、その透明な液体を循環すことにより、レチクル、透明窓板の表面の影響は小さくなり、又塵埃の影響が小さくなる。そして透明な液体に光が吸収されるための温度上昇による光の屈折率を変化を防いでいる。

〔0017〕透明窓は極めて薄く、凹面鏡と平面鏡とで反射された光と垂直に設置されているので、色収差は生じない。

〔0018〕本発明では、平板鏡とレチクルとの間に平板鏡の小孔の周囲に電気集塵装置を設置しているので、20ステッバ内の塵埃を取り除き、平板鏡の小孔を通じてのミラー光学系への塵埃の侵入を防いでいる。

〔0019〕本発明では、レチクル上の像パターンは透明な部分が多い程良いので、像形成にあたって考慮する必要がある。像パターンによっては、ホトレジストの像の反転を施行した方が良い場合もありうる。

〔0020〕本発明ステッバで製造したLSIは、中心部に平板鏡の小孔に対応する欠損部が存在するが、小孔は直径1mm程度であるので、LSI集積度に対する影響はない。もちろん光源の光量を大きく出来れば、小孔の直径はもっと小さく設定できうる。

〔0021〕〔実施例〕実施例について図1においてキセノン灯1、フィルタ2、スリット3、回転枠凹面鏡4、レチクル5、平面鏡7の小孔8、放物面鏡10、平面鏡7、透明窓板11、ウェハ12、とこの順序でキセノン灯1からの光の光学的通路に設置し、回転枠凹面鏡の一方の焦点にスリット3、もう一方の焦点に平面鏡7の小孔8を設置する。又小孔8は同時に放物面鏡10の焦点ともなっている。この時平面鏡7の鏡面9は放物面鏡10と向かいあって設置され、小孔8の周囲には電気集塵装置6が取り付けられている。

〔0022〕キセノン灯1の代りにAγF、KγF等の数種類のガスを混合し、発振波長を動搖さすエキシマーラーザーを光源とした実施例がある。

〔0023〕透明窓板11の代りに収差補正用レンズを使用した実施例がある。

〔0024〕放物面鏡10の代りに球面鏡、双曲面鏡等他の凹面鏡を使用した実施例がある。

〔0025〕図2に示される実施例では、光学系の間の空間を透明な液体で満たし、その透明な液体を循環さし

ている。レチクル5は透明な液体を満たす槽13に浸されている。

〔0026〕【考案の効果】本発明は、以上説明したように構成されているので、以下に記載されるような効果を奏する。

〔0027〕レチクル照射光源は、高コヒーレント光を使用し、回転楕円凹面鏡にてレチクルの前方の一点に集中しているので、波長 λ 、回転楕円凹面鏡の口径D、焦点距離をfとすると、 $\gamma = 1.22 f/D$ の半径内に全光量の84.6%がレチクルの前方にある平面鏡の小孔に集中する。小孔の周囲はレチクルの回折像となるが、小孔の中心部は小孔の光の波長の幅の周辺リング状のフチ部と比較して極めて高い光量となるので、小孔のフチ部を光が通過して回折が生じるその割合は極めて小さくなっている。従って光が小孔を通過することによる解像力の低下は極めて小さい。この効果は小孔が $\gamma = 1.22 \lambda f/D$ の半径に近づくにつれて大きくなる。

〔0028〕ウエハの表面上の像の各点に到達する光の大部分は、放物面鏡の対応する極めて小さい範囲で反射されたものであるので、焦点深度も深く像面彎曲や像面歪曲以外の収差は極めて小さくなっている。

〔0029〕又ウエハの表面上の像の各点に到達する光の大部分は、放物面鏡の対応する極めて小さい範囲で反射されたものであるので、放物面鏡の計算上の開口数より実効開口数は大きくなる。

〔0030〕照射光源に高コヒーレント光を使用する。レチクル像の回折現象でスペックル雑音等が出現するが、レチクル像の10分の1程度に縮小するタイプであるため、レチクル像バターンを大きくとる事ができることと、色収差がないので波長域幅を広くとることにより、高コヒーレント光を光源に使用しても像の劣化はな*

*い。

〔0031〕本発明ステッパーで、露光面積約30mm程度、計算上の開口数0.35程度、(実効開口数はもっと大)が得られる。

〔0032〕本発明は、ミラータイプの光学系を使用しているので、レンズタイプの光学系使用ステッパーより短波長紫外線を使用できる。

〔0033〕光学系の間の空間を透明な液体で満たすことにより、光の波長を λ 、透明な液体の屈折率をnとすると、 λ/n の光を使用したと同じ効果がある。

【図面の簡単な説明】

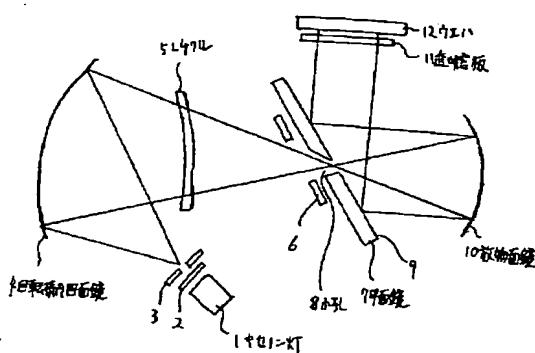
〔図1〕本発明ステッパーの1実施例の構成プロツク図である。

〔図2〕本発明ステッパーの光学系間を透明な液体で満たした実施例のレチクル周辺部の構成図である。

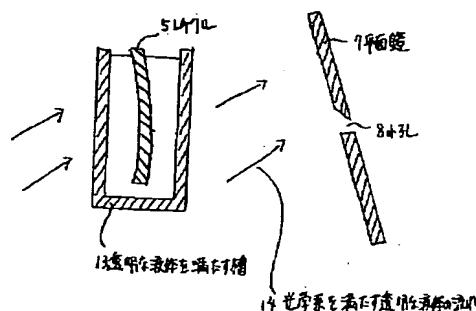
【符号の説明】

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| 1 | キセノン灯 |
| 2 | フィルタ |
| 3 | スリット |
| 4 | 回転楕円凹面鏡 |
| 5 | レチクル |
| 6 | 電気集塵装置 |
| 7 | 平面鏡 |
| 8 | 小孔 |
| 9 | 平面鏡の鏡面 |
| 10 | 放物面鏡 |
| 11 | 透明窓板 |
| 12 | ウエハ |
| 13 | 透明な液体を満たす槽 |
| 14 | 光学系を満たす透明な液体の流れ |

【図1】



【図2】



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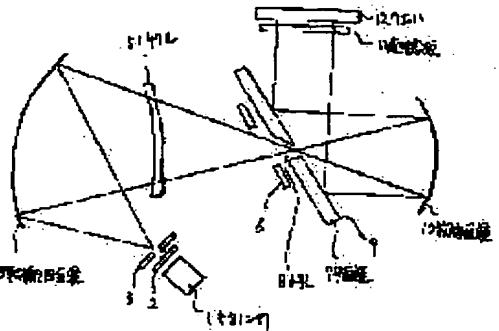
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CLAIMS**[Claim(s)]**

[Claim 1] Optical system of the LSI manufacture cutback projection aligner characterized by having been in agreement in the stoma which has the exposure device concentrated on one point ahead of reticle, and a plane mirror has in one point which the light concentrates, having installed the plane mirror, and installing a concave mirror in the confrontation of the mirror plane of the plane mirror.

[Claim 2] LSI manufacture cutback projection aligner of the structure which fills the space between optical system with a transparent liquid, and is carrying out circulation ** of the transparent liquid according to claim 1.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001] [Field of the invention on industry] this invention relates to the optical system of the LSI manufacture cutback projection aligner (stepper) by mirror type light.

[0002] There is a stepper a mirror type actual size package projection aligner and lens type conventionally [conventional technical].

[0003] -- since only the linear image of the rate of actual size is obtained in the optical system of the mirror type actual size package projection aligner of the [Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] former, the precision alignment of a mask image is difficult, the effect by dust is large, and it is difficult to correct all defects -- etc. -- there was a problem.

[0004] the little of the transparency matter usable on a lens in a stepper conventional lens type at ultraviolet C, and transparency -- low -- moreover, there was a problem of the endurance of a lens.

[0005] This invention has the optical system of the mirror type which can use ultraviolet C, and aims at offering the stepper which has the deep depth of focus in high resolution and a large exposure area.

[0006] In order to attain the [The means for solving a technical problem] above-mentioned object, it sets to the optical system of this invention stepper. It is in agreement with one ***** of the light in the stoma which a plane mirror has, and a plane mirror is installed. the high coherent light of a comparatively large wavelength region -- the light source -- carrying out -- a condensing concave mirror -- one ahead of reticle -- the inside of ** -- putting -- [0007] -- [0008] A concave mirror is installed in the confrontation of the mirror plane of the plane mirror, and it is made in agreement [the focus of the concave mirror and the stoma of a plane mirror].

[0009] a very thin transparency aperture plate vertical to the parallel ray to which reticle is irradiated, and the light from the light source passes the stoma of a plane mirror, serves as a parallel ray mostly with a concave mirror, and reflects and advances with the same plane mirror -- installing -- [0010] -- approach the transparency aperture plate extremely, install a wafer, and carry out cutback image formation of the reticle image on the wafer.

[0011] And reticle is produced on the curved surface which amends image surface curvature.

[0012] the space between optical system -- a transparent liquid -- filling -- the transparent liquid -- circulation **** -- it is effective by the reason things carry out a postscript.

[0013] -- the light which penetrated [operation] reticle -- high -- if it is coherent and the aperture D and the focal distance of wavelength lambda and a condensing concave mirror are set to f, it will concentrate on the stoma of the plane mirror which has 84.6% of the total quantity of light ahead of reticle in the radius of $\gamma = 1.22\lambda/D$. The perimeter presents the diffraction figure of reticle.

[0014] Since reticle and a transparency aperture plate are made of synthetic quartz in this invention, a front face can be ground smoothly and the effect of the front face by high coherent light activity is small.

[0015] In this invention, since it is isolated with the external world that it is also at a transparency aperture, the convection current of air has prevented trespass of dust few again. If whole this invention is brought close to a vacuum, the convection current of air and the effect of dust will become small.

[0016] objection -- the space between mirror optical system -- a transparent liquid -- filling -- the transparent liquid -- circulation **** -- by things, the effect of the front face of reticle and a transparency aperture plate becomes small, and the effect of dust becomes small. And change is prevented for the rate of optical refraction by the temperature rise for light to be absorbed by the transparent liquid.

[0017] Since it is installed at [a transparency aperture is very thin and] right angles to the light reflected with the concave mirror and the plane mirror, don't produce chromatic aberration.

[0018] In this invention, since the electrostatic precipitator is installed in the perimeter of the stoma of a

plate mirror between a plate mirror and reticle, the dust in a stepper was removed and trespass of the dust to the mirror optical system which leads the stoma of a plate mirror has been prevented.

[0019] In this invention, since it is so good that the image pattern on reticle has many transparent parts, it is necessary to take into consideration in image formation. It may be better to enforce reversal of the image of a photoresist depending on an image pattern.

[0020] Although the deficit section corresponding to [in LSI manufactured by this invention stepper] the stoma of a plate mirror to a core exists, since a stoma is the diameter of about 1mm, there is no effect to an LSI degree of integration. If the quantity of light of the light source can be enlarged, of course, the diameter of a stoma can be set up smaller.

[0021] If a [example] example is explained with reference to a drawing, in drawing 1, it will install in the optical path of the light from xenon LGT 1 in xenon LGT 1, a filter 2, a slit 3, the spheroid concave mirror 4, reticle 5, the stoma 8 of a plane mirror 7, a parabolic mirror 10, a plane mirror 7, the transparence aperture plate 11, a wafer 12, and this sequence, and the stoma 8 of a plane mirror 7 will be installed in one focus of a spheroid concave mirror at a slit 3 and another focus. Moreover, the stoma 8 also serves as a focus of a parabolic mirror 10 simultaneously. At this time, the mirror plane 9 of a plane mirror 7 faces a parabolic mirror 10, and is installed, and the electrostatic precipitator 6 is attached in the perimeter of a stoma 8.

[0022] Some kinds of gas, such as AgammaF and KgammaF, is mixed instead of xenon LGT 1, and there is an example which made the oscillation **** excimer laser the light source for oscillation wavelength.

[0023] There is an example which used the lens for aberration amendment instead of the transparence aperture plate 11.

[0024] There is an example which used other concave mirrors, such as a spherical mirror and a hyperboloid mirror, instead of the parabolic mirror 10.

[0025] In the example shown in drawing 2, the space between optical system is filled with a transparent liquid, and circulation ** of the transparent liquid is carried out. Reticle 5 is dipped in the tub 13 which fills a transparent liquid.

[0026] Since [effectiveness of design] this invention is constituted as explained above, it does so effectiveness which is indicated below.

[0027] Since high coherent light is used for the reticle exposure light source and it is very among ** in one ahead of reticle with a spheroid concave mirror, if the aperture D and the focal distance of wavelength lambda and a spheroid concave mirror are set to f, it will be concentrated on the stoma of the plane mirror which has 84.6% of the total quantity of light ahead of reticle in the radius of gamma=1.22 f/D. Although the perimeter of a stoma serves as a diffraction figure of reticle, since the core of a stoma serves as the very high quantity of light as compared with the FUCHI section of the shape of a circumference ring of the width of face of the wavelength of the light of a stoma, the rate which light passes the FUCHI section of a stoma and diffraction produces is very small. Therefore, lowering of the resolution by light passing a stoma is very small. This effectiveness becomes large as a stoma approaches the radius of gamma=1.22lambda f/D.

[0028] As for the great portion of light which reaches each point of the image on the front face of a wafer, since it is reflected in the very small range in which a parabolic mirror corresponds, the depth of focus has also become and aberration other than image surface curvature or image surface distortion has become very small.

[0029] moreover -- since the great portion of light which reaches each point of the image on the front face of a wafer is reflected in the very small range in which a parabolic mirror corresponds -- count of a parabolic mirror -- effective numerical aperture becomes large from top numerical aperture.

[0030] Since it is the type reduced to about [of a reticle image] 1/10 although speckle noise etc. appears in the diffraction development of a reticle image when high coherent light is used for the exposure light source, even if it uses high coherent light for the light source that a large reticle image pattern can be taken and by taking large wavelength **** since there is no chromatic aberration, there is no degradation of an image.

[0031] By this invention stepper, as for about 0.35 numerical aperture about exposure area phi30mm and on count, and (effective numerical aperture, size) is obtained more.

[0032] Since mirror type optical system is being used for this invention, ultraviolet C can be used for it from a lens type optical-system activity stepper.

[0033] When the refractive index of lambda and a transparent liquid is set to eta for the wavelength of light by filling the space between optical system with a transparent liquid, there is the same effectiveness using the light of lambda/eta.

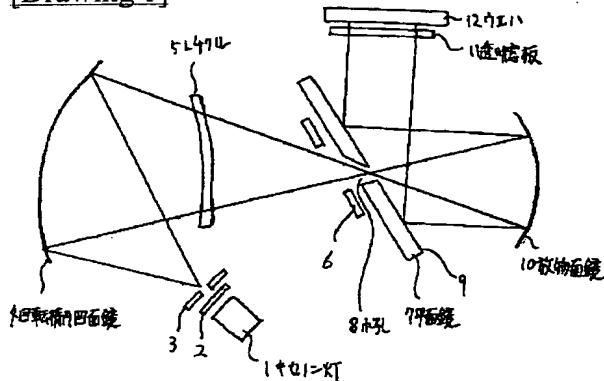
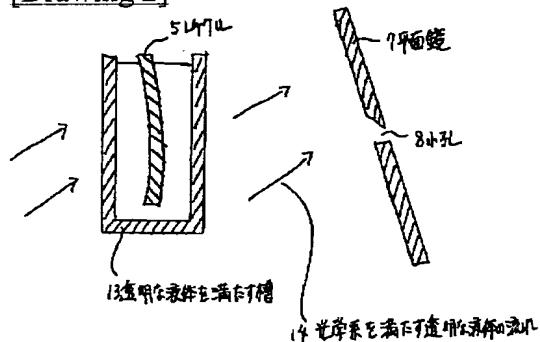
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[Drawing 1]**[Drawing 2]**

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